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Art Unit	2616
Examiner Name	Huy Thanh Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	16869N-044700US

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- ii. ☒ Other Amendment filed on October 18, 2006
- b. ☐ Enclosed
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- b. ☐ Other _____

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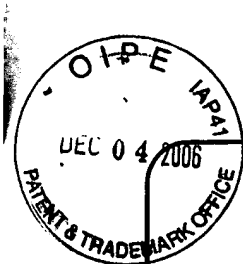
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